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1. CHARGE READ THE TALKING POINTS CONTAINED IN REFTEL TO FSFA ASSISTANT SECRETARY BERNARDIC WHO LISTENED INTENTLY, OCCASIONALLY INTERRUPTING TO POSE QUESTIONS. (NOTE FOREIGN MINISTER MINIC IS RECUPERATING FROM A HEAR ATTACK). THEN CHARGE PRESENTED THE TALKING POINTS AS ANON-PAPER. BERNARDIC EXPLAINED THAT HE COULD NOT GIVE A COMPREHENSIVE REACTION UNTIL THE STATEMENT WAS ANALYZED WORD-BY-WORD. HOWEVER, HE WAS DELIGHTED AT THE NEW U.S. ORIENTATION TOWARD AND INTERNATIONAL SOLUTION OF THE GROWING PROBLEM OF NUCLEAR PROLIFERATION. HE STRESSED THAT BOTH OUR COUNTRIES SHARE A COMMON OBJECTIVE, BUT NOTED THAT THE U.S. VIEWED THE SITUATION FROM ITS OWN ANGLE. HENCE, THERE MIGHT BE DIFFERENCES IN THE TACTICS CHOSEN TO MEET THOSE COMMON OBJECTIVES.

2. BERNARDIC CONTINUED THAT THE GOY WAS AN EARLY LEADER IN THE EFFORT TO OBTAIN A NONPROLIFERATION TREATY. HOWEVER, GOY SAW THE NPT, ON WHICH YUGOSLAVIA HAD AND STILL HAS CERTAIN RESERVATIONS, LEADING TO GENERAL DISARMEMENT AND NOT TO A NUCLEAR WEAPONS MONOPOLY FOR A FEW NATIONS. HE ADDED THAT YUGOSLAVIA WOULD CONTINUE TO COOPERATE FULLY IN EFFORTS TO
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STRENGTHEN INTERNATIONAL NONPROLIFERATION COMMITMENTS. HE CONCLUDED, QUOTE. IT WOULD BE TRAGIC FOR YUGOSLAVIA TO BE IN THE FRONT LINE AGAINST PROLIFERATION WHILE IT SUFFERS OVER KRSKO. UNQUOTE.

3. BERNARDIC MADE AN INTERESTING COMMENT THAT THE SPECIAL UN SESSION ON DISARMEMENT SCHEDULED FOR 1978 WOULD INCLUDE

NONPROLIFERATION AS A "FOCUS".
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